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### **CLASS 23: PHRASE STRUCTURE [EXERCISES]**

#### **THESE EXERCISES COMPLEMENT THOSE FROM CLASS 20\***

**1. For the following *wh*-questions, indicate the extraction site of the *wh*-word or phrase.**

Example: *What did you talk about all afternoon?*

Answer: *What did you talk about [t] all afternoon?*

- (a) When did you realize that you had made a mistake?
- (b) What aria was the soprano singing?
- (c) How soon can you fix dinner?
- (d) Where did Isabel say she had put my coat?
- (e) How did you say that you like your meat cooked?
- (f) Who did Raimo relate the news to?
- (g) Who has the lawyer persuaded to accept the plea bargain?
- (h) How many papers do you have to write this term?

**2. Explain the ambiguity of the following sentence:**

- (a) Why did Ruth say she likes fondue?
- (b) The fact that I heard disturbed me.

**3. In the following relative clauses, indicate the extraction site of the *wh*-word.**

- (a) It was Simon who told me the news.
- (b) I have interests outside work, which include gardening and reading.
- (c) I attended a meeting this afternoon, during which I fell asleep.
- (d) There's no reason why I shouldn't speak to him.
- (e) He arrived in Katmandu on the day when I left.
- (f) Anyone whose job is eliminated will be placed in another position.
- (g) I have a friend whom I give a ride (to) to school.
- (h) This is the book that I was telling you about yesterday.
- (i) That's the book he's been wanting for many years.
- (j) The government building where she works has poor ventilation.

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**Further readings:**

At this point you can forget about reading more — just sit down and draw trees!

**\*NB: We did the Class 22 handout in class 23; in class 22 we solved more exercises from Class 20.**